

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action of the Examiner mailed March 27, 2009. Currently, claims 1-40 remain pending of which claims 11-16, 19, 21-24, and 34-40 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-10, 17, 18, 20, and 25-33 have been rejected. Favorable consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-2, 20-21 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 and 6 of copending Applicant No. 10/657,472 (now U.S. Patent No. 7,314,480), claims 1 and 28 of copending Application No. 10/747,546 and claims 1-3 and 24 of copending Applicant No. 10/757,646. While Applicant must respectfully disagree with this rejection and without conceding the correctness of the rejection, to move prosecution along, a Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith.

Allowable Subject Matter

Nowhere did the Office Action reject any of the claims over prior art. Thus, all pending claims are believed to include allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of the withdrawn claims and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all pending claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is anticipated. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully Submitted,

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